

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 BELEM 00044 291200Z

44

ACTION OES-06

INFO OCT-01 ARA-10 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00

L-03 EB-07 SCA-01 SCSE-00 H-02 INR-07 DLOS-04 PRS-01

CG-00 DOTE-00 SS-15 TRSE-00 COME-00 SAL-01 OC-05

CCO-00 INT-05 DODE-00 /068 W
----- 065078

O 291100Z APR 76

FM AMCONSUL BELEM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0569

AMEMBASSY BRASILIA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY MEXICO CITY IMMEDIATE

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICES ST PETERSBURG FLA

UNCLAS BELEM 0044

MEXICO CITY FOR REGIONAL FISHERIES ATTACHE

1. BRAZILIAN NAVAL OFFICIALS TODAY INFORMED CONSUL THAT U.S. SHRIMP VESSEL SEA FAIR, UB-004 WAS SEIZED BY BRAZILIAN NAVAL VESSELS AT 18:00 HOURS ON APRIL 27 AT COORDINATES 3 DEGREES 33 MINUTES NORTH, 49 DEGREES 58 MINUTES WEST. THE SEA FAIR WAS SEIZED BECAUSE IT IS NOT ON THE LIST OF SHRIMP BOATS ALLOWED TO SHRIMP IN THE AREA OF U.S.-BRAZILIAN SHRIMP AGREEMENT. SEA FAIR EXPECTED TO ARRIVE BELEM APRIL 30. FINE ESTIMATED AT DOLLARS US TWO THOUSAND. CREW OF VESSEL CONSISTS OF MASTER ALFRED JAMES WHO IS GUYANAENSE CITIZEN AND TWO BRAZILIAN CITIZENS. BRAZILIAN NAVY BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO RELEASE BOAT FRIDAY IF FINE IS PAID.

2. PREVIOUSLY, MOST OF SHRIMP BOATS SEIZED BELONGED TO BORDEN'S OR ONE OF BORDEN'S SUBSIDIARIES. IN ALL SUCH CEASES, PROPESPA, BORDEN'S BELEM SUBSIDIARY, PAID FINE. WHEN A SEIZED VESSEL DID NOT BELONG TO BORDEN'S OWNER WOULD USUALLY ASK BORDEN'S TO ACT AS THEIR AGENT FOR PAYMENT OF FINE: TIME CONSUMING INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS OF FUNDS WAS THUS AVOIDED. BORDEN'S HAS NOW CLOSED ITS BELEM OPERATION AND NO LONGER HAS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT IN THE CITY. INTERNATIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 BELEM 00044 291200Z

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM UNITED STATES TO BELEM USUALLY TAKES FOUR TO

FIVE WORKING DAYS, AND NOT INFREQUENTLY MONEY DOES NOT ARRIVE AT ALL.

3. CONSUL REQUEST DEPARTMENT TO CONTACT OWNER AND INFORM HIM OF SEIZURE OF BOAT AND OF ESTIMATE OF FINE IF IT IS PAID ON APRIL 30. FASTEST METHOD FOR FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO BELEM FOR PAYMENT OF FINE WOULD BE FOR OWNER OF BOAT IN U.S. TO WIRE MONEY TO DEPARTMENT AND SET UP TRUST FUND SIMILAR TO TYPE OF TRUST FUND USED IN CONSULAR CASES. WHEN DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED MONEY BELEM WOULD BE INFORMED BY TELEGRAM AND CONSUL WOULD PAY FINE FROM PETTY CASH. CONSULATE DOES NOT HAVE TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CASH ON HAND, BUT EFFORTS UNDERWAY TO OBTAIN SUFFICIENT CASH FROM EMBASSY.

4. STRONG POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT CONSUL WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BE IN BELEM BETWEEN APRIL 30 AND MAY 5. IF CONSUL IS OUT OF BELEM ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS, THEN RELEASE OF BOAT WILL BE POSSIBLE ONLY ON MAY 6 AT WHICH TIME FINE WOULD BE DOLLARS U.S. THREE THOUSAND.

5. FOR BRASILIA: REQUEST CHECK ON BANCO LAR FOR CR\$20,000 (TWENTY THOUSAND CRUZEIROS) BE POUCHED TO BELEM VIA SPECIAL AIR POUCH ON THURSDAY APRIL 29. IF POSSIBLE POUCH SHOULD GO ON VASP 282 DEPARTING BRASILIA AT 10:00.

7. EMBASSY CONCURS.
JACOBINI

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: SHIP DETENTION, SEA FARE, FISHING BOATS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 29 APR 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976BELEM00044
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760163-0009
From: BELEM
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t1976049/aaaaagwg.tel
Line Count: 85
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION OES
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: buchant0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09 SEP 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <09 SEP 2004 by cookms>; APPROVED <20 DEC 2004 by buchant0>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: n/a
TAGS: EFIS, BR, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006